

Performer Biographies



Matthew Arnerich, Piano

Matthew Arnerich is a composer and pianist from Santa Rosa. He studied piano with Marilyn Thompson and composition with Brian S. Wilson at Sonoma State University where he earned his BA in music. His compositions range from small works, including preludes, etudes, and songs, to large scale works, including sonatas, operas, and symphonies. When composing, his aim is to write music that inspires – to light a fire in the heart of performers and listeners.



Anwen Lin, Cello

Anwen is currently a senior at Santa Rosa High School. She started playing cello when she was six years old and studied with Irene Sharp. Later, she studied with Jonathan Koh at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Anwen loves playing with others; she has played with numerous chamber groups, including at Music@Menlo, and she has served as the principal cellist of the Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra. She also loves sharing music with others and enjoys volunteering at memory care facilities doing music therapy. Anwen is hoping to study neuroscience when she goes to college next year. In her free time, she enjoys

surfing, playing tennis, kickboxing, running, skiing, reading, and spending time with friends and family.



Michael Fecskes, Cello

Michael Fecskes is a cellist and chamber musician native to the North Bay Area. After studying primarily in San Francisco with Jennifer Kloetzel of the Cypress String Quartet, he went on to study Cello Performance and chamber music at Sonoma State. Fecskes has performed throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe at a range of chamber music workshops and music festivals including Canadian Music Week, the Las Vegas Music Festival, and Noise Pop. He is currently serving as Artistic Director of the Valley Vibes Youth Orchestra in Sonoma Valley, a program designed to foster music education and youth development. His

desire is to continue making music available to the community at large, creating harmony where it did not exist before.



Joshua Bluegreen-Cripps, Trumpet

Joshua Bluegreen-Cripps was Voted “Best Live DJ 2017-2018” by North Bay Bohemian Readers aka “Norbay Award(s)”. is a Full-Time Event & Entertainment Producer, Promotor, & Performer Based in Northern California & San Francisco Bay Area. Mr Cripps provides Reputation Management with his Company Bluegreen Productions, which he founded in 1999.

He is on the Board of Directors & Director of Development at Classical Music "Not for Profit" Organization "The Artists' Salon", Producer & Promoter of Popular 17-Piece Jazz Big Band "Wednesday Night Big Band", Trumpet Player in Ska/Reggae Band "The Tahoes", Trumpet Player in Popular Positive Rap Group "Tru Lyric", & DJ/KJ on Contract w/ Anderson Entertainment, LLC.



Christa Durand, Voice

Christa is dedicated to exploring the relevancy of classical music in our lives today. With her students and in her performances, Christa encourages creating music from a place of authenticity, and using it as a medium to share our collective and individual stories and cultivate compassion for one another.

Ms. Durand was a recipient of the Everett B. Person Scholarship for Vocal Studies at Sonoma State University, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Music.